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## Russian Federation

### Trade Policy Monitoring

### Russian and EU Officials Discuss Animal Product Fraud Prevention

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**Report Highlights:**

Russian and European Union (EU) officials met recently to discuss fraud prevention of animal based products from the EU destined to the Russian Federation. An attachment is being drafted to the original Memorandum of Understanding signed September 2004 that will regulate veterinary procedures during transshipments and during temporary storage of commodities on EU territory that are in route to Russia from third countries.

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**Informal Translation of Article on Ministry of Agriculture Web Page Regarding Recent European Union-Russian Working Group Meeting Held to Discuss Fraud Prevention in Animal-Based Products**

***A regular working group meeting that deals with fraud prevention in shipments of animals and products of animal origin from the European Union (EU) to the Russian Federation took place in Moscow on December 15-16, 2005.***

The working group discussed a draft attachment to the Memorandum between the European Union and the Russian Federation on veterinary certificates for animals and livestock products intended for exportation from EU to Russia dated September 2004.

The attachment shall regulate the procedures for veterinary and other types of control during transshipments and temporary storage on the territory of the EU member-states of commodities that are in route to the Russian Federation from third countries.

Thereby, it shall contribute to the prevention of exports of products of animal origin that are dangerous from the veterinary and sanitary point of view, from those countries to the Russian Federation. Furthermore, both sides discussed the issue regarding the course of implementation of the above-mentioned Memorandum; at the same time the sides emphasized the positive role that this document had played in normalizing the process of moving commodities of animal origin from EU to Russia.

The sides also discussed issues regarding inspection and certification of EU enterprises that supply their products to the Russian Federation, as well as the activities scheduled for 2006. In particular, the European side stated that in accordance with the Memorandum, they had included numerous items into the European Union Commission Inspection Service work plan regarding compliance with Russian requirements in preparing products of animal origin for export from EU enterprises to the Russian Federation. Furthermore, both sides discussed making amendments to 14 veterinary certificates that had been approved earlier, for live animals and products of animal origin exported from EU to the Russian Federation, taking into consideration the principle of regionalization and harmonization with the international standards. The changes to be made do not involve reduction of the safety level in the veterinary and sanitary sense of the targeted products arriving from EU.

The sides also reviewed and reached an agreement regarding the need to negotiate 5 additional veterinary certificates:

- For flint-dried raw materials for fur manufacturing exported from the European Union to the Russian Federation;
- For pigs for fattening exported from the European Union to the Russian Federation;
- For raw material of animal origin intended for manufacturing feeds for non-productive animals exported from the European Union to the Russian Federation;
- For fur-bearing animals exported from the European Union to the Russian Federation;
- For intestinal casings exported from the European Union to the Russian Federation.

Russian Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service representatives delivered a request for more information to the EU Council regarding buffalo meat of Indian origin that arrived on EU territory and its further use, with the purpose of preventing this forbidden product from arriving on the territory of the Russian Federation.

Summarizing the results of the meeting, both sides agreed to continue working on the above-mentioned issues in 2006.

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